

ACTION AGENDA

THE **REGULAR SESSION** OF THE POLICE AND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PFAC)

TO BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024, AT 5:30 PM**

IN PERSON AT THE CITY OF BISBEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 915 TOVREAVILLE ROAD, BISBEE, AZ.

ROLL CALL: 5:32 PM

Committee Members:

P - M. Elizabeth Lueck, Ward 1

Vacant, Ward 1

P - Cynthia Conroy, Ward 2

P - M. Kay Gojkovich, Ward 2

P - Thomas Schelling, Ward 3

Vacant, Ward 3

P - Cheri Chase, Member at Large

City Council Liaison:

E - Pete Skinner, Councilmember

Fire Department Representatives

P - Officer on Duty – Chief Richardson

Staff Member on Duty

Police Department Representatives

P - Supervisor on Duty – Deputy Chief Ritchie

Police Officer on Duty

City Staff:

P – Stephen Pauken, City Manager

P - Joelle Landers, Personnel Director

The following Agenda Items are presented for Discussion and Possible Recommendation:

1. Service acknowledgement to Tom Patterson and Craig Emanuel for appreciation of their time served on the Police and Fire Advisory Committee.

KAY GOJKOVICH PRESENTED SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FOR TOM PATTERSON AND CRAIG EMANUEL FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BISBEE DURING THEIR TIME SERVING ON THE PFAC COMMITTEE.

2. Welcome and introductions of new commission members and Council Liaison.

KAY GOJKOVICH LED A ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CITY REPRESENTATIVES.

3. Committee acknowledgement and appreciation to the Bisbee Police Department and Bisbee Fire Department.

KAY GOJKOVICH TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK CHIEF COX, DEPUTY CHIEF RITCHIE, CHIEF RICHARDSON AND CITY MANAGER PAUKEN FOR WORKING WITH POLICE AND FIRE FOR SALARY INCREASES TO HELP AID IN RETENTION. COMMEND ALL FOR WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR BISBEE POLICE AND FIRE DEPT. STAFF.

4. Discussion and possible approval of the Minutes (Action Agenda) of the meeting of the Police and Fire Advisory Committee (PFAC) held on February 27, 2024.

MOTION: CYNTHIA CONROY MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES (ACTION AGENDA) FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2024, MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED.

SECOND: THOMAS SCHELLING

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5. Update on recent fires in Bisbee.

FIRE CHIEF RICHARDSON UPDATED THE COMMITTEE ON THE MAIN STREET FIRE STILL PENDING COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION ESTIMATED TO BE RETURNED BY END OF MAY. MENTION OF STARTING FIREWISE IN WARREN.

6. General overview of the Firewise program.

AGENDA ITEM TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING AFTER CONTACT WITH MS. KOHLER OF FIREWISE.

7. Discussion on Police Department information requests.

DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF RITCHIE ADDRESSED RECORDS REQUEST AND HOW TO REQUEST WITH MENTION OF FEE WAIVER FOR COMMITTEE.

8. Update on recent grant funding.

FIRE CHIEF RICHARDSON DISCUSSED GRANTS IN PROCESS FOR LADDER TRUCK. CM PAUKEN MENTIONED GRANTS FOR LADDER TRUCK HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR PREVIOUSLY. FREEPORT GRANT FOR FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR. DEPUTY CHIEF RITCHIE MENTIONED CHIEF COX HAS BROUGHT IN OVER 2 MILLION IN GRANTS FROM MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES SINCE TAKING THE POSITION.

9. Discussion of retention improvements.

RICHARDSON PLEASED WITH EFFORTS OF CM PAUKEN AND MAYOR BUDGE TO IMPROVE PAY IN LINE WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND MORALE IN DEPARTMENT HAS IMPROVED. DEPUTY CHIEF RITCHIE COMPARABLE PAY IS HELPING AS WELL AS NEW EQUIPMENT. ACKNOWLEDGED CHANGE IN CULTURE WITH CHIEF COX AND OUTSIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. FIRE HAS DAILY MANDATORY TRAINING, SENDING OUT TO FIRE SCHOOL AND PARAMEDIC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY. BOTH DEPARTMENTS TRSIN AT COCHISE COLLEGE.

10. Board Comments or Future Agenda Item Suggestions (*Board members may suggest topics for future meeting agendas, but will not discuss, deliberate, or take any action on these topics.*)

1. **FIREWISE PRESENTATION FROM MS. KOHLER.**
2. **KAY GOJKOVICH COMMENTED TO CITY STAFF APPRECIATION FOR PARTICIPTION IN PFAC AND LOOKING FORWARD.**
3. **CITIZEN FUNDRAISING.**
4. **CM PAUKEN SHARED PRESS RELEASE FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

ADJOURNMENT: 6:28 PM

MOTION: KAY GOJKOVICH

SECOND: THOMAS SCHELLING

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